Title: Regarding the report of the Minorities Commission on alleged atrocities on the Christians and condemning the tendency of portraying every ordinary crime with communal colour.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Kharabela Swain, the subject about which you have given the notice, has already been raised by Dr. Vijay Kumar Malhotra three days back. That was regarding the Report of the Minorities Commission.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): Sir, will you not allow me to speak on the subject?

MR. SPEAKER: It had already been raised by one of the hon. Members three days back.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN : Sir, may I speak for two minutes?

MR. SPEAKER: All right.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: First of all, you understand the subject and then only you speak.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): We could gather the subject especially because he has given the notice....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI A.C. JOS : His nature is like that. He will be touching it.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN: Sir, actually, the hon. Members of the Opposition all the time think so. They are raising matters with regard to atrocities on minorities − specifically the Christians. They raise this matter after going through the newspaper reports. I am also mentioning about a newspaper report published on 28th April in the *Asian Age* which under no stretch of imagination could be told that it is a pro-BJP or pro-NDA Government newspaper. ...(*Interruptions*)

In Agra, there was one Snehlata. She was working in a Convent. After eight years, she came to the police station and told that she should be reinstated again in the convent . Now, she complained against the Christian Missionaries from Andhra Pradesh in the police station. Then, what did the Inspector do? He summoned them. The only way he knew to deal with this case was that he locked them up for two hours. Then, it became an atrocity on the Christians!

There was another case according to which a Principal in a Convent was harassed because she increased the pass-marks from 35 to 40 per cent. Eighty students could not pass the examination. The guardians came and harassed the Principal. Even two goons chased the Principal.

In the case of St. Dominic School, two admission-seekers assaulted the Principal.

In the St. Theresa School in Kosi, it was an incident of robbery. Some robbers broke into the campus and decamped with Rs. 1 lakh.

Finally, in Riwari, when the visibility was low and there was a storm in the evening, one scooterist knocked down two nuns.

All these things have become atrocities on Christians. Very humbly and with folded hands, I appeal to all the Members of the Opposition and from the Christian community that they should not paint everything as an attack on the Christians. If any such thing happens to a person belonging to the Hindu community, we never say that it is an attack on the Hindus. How can we say that? There might be some problem with regard to some individual − some Indian. It is not an attack on the Christians. ...(*Interruptions*)

It is not done by the Hindus or by the *Bajrang Dal* or by *Vishva Hindu Parishad* or the NDA Government. The hon. senior Member who got the 'Best Parliamentarian Award' this time, Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, said that the *Bajrang Dal* is a terrorist organisation. After going through these newspaper items, he also uttered like this.

I appeal to all the Members with folded hands that they should not portray it with communal colour because it is not communal, and the NDA Government is not communal. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : We had only said that the Church was attacked. ...(*Interruptions*)